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Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2025

10:30 AM

This Council meeting will adjourn into an Executive Session.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Ashton Simpson

2. Public Communication

There was no public testimony.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Consideration of the January 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [January 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the February 20, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 20, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.3 Resolution No. 25-5468 For The Purpose of Repealing Metro's One Percent For Art Guidelines And Adopting New One Percent For Art Guidelines

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5468](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5468](#)
[Staff Report](#)

4. Resolutions**4.1 Resolution No. 25-5469 For the Purpose of Approving 2024 Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Community Grants**

Presenter(s): Jon Blasher, Parks and Nature Director
Karissa Lowe, Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants Program Manager

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5469](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5469](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Staff and presenters provided an overview of the grant program and the funding recommendations, as described in Exhibit A to the resolution. Presenters also reviewed the grant application and committee review process.

Councilor Rosenthal asked for additional information about habitat restoration projects and details of education programs connected to restoration.

Councilor Hwang appreciated the framework for evaluating project values and leveraging resources, and Councilor Gonzalez appreciated that the investments reach families and communities in need of access to nature.

Councilor Lewis highlighted the need for partnerships outside government to support nature education and access to green spaces, and she asked for additional information about the physical spaces that would be improved alongside education through this grant program.

A motion was made by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Simpson

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

All Council members expressed appreciation for COO Madrigal's service in recognition of her fifth anniversary at Metro.

COO Madrigal thanked Council and updated them about community opportunities at Metro's nature parks.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Simpson shared the results of the Travel Portland report.

Councilor Lewis announced the opening of several parks in Milwaukie and reported that Metro staff updated the Oregon City Commission on Parks and Nature participatory

budgeting.

Councilor Rosenthal reported recent budget consideration at the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Committee and the discussion at Westside Economic Alliance.

7. Adjourn to Executive Session

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 11:15 a.m. and the Metro Council convened in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d).

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor